

MISSOURI CAPITOL POLICE ADVISOR

301 WEST HIGH STREET, ROOM 101 - JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65101 - 573 751 2764



JUNE 2009

Subject Arrested at Capitol

On May 26th, Capitol Police responded to the Broadway Building after receiving a complaint that a man was bothering state employees who were outside on break. Upon arrival, the subject was spotted on the Capitol grounds. When an officer reached the man, he was yelling irrationally and causing a scene. As the officer tried to question him, the subject fled on foot and entered the Capitol. The man was detained by the officer after two Capitol tour guides attempted to stop him, one of whom was allegedly assaulted in the process. The subject was arrested and faces charges of assault and resisting arrest.

Capitol is Quiet During Execution

On May 20th, Missouri held its first execution since October 2005. While demonstrations were held in Jefferson City and elsewhere around the state, all remained peaceful and Dennis Skillicorn was executed via lethal injection at the Eastern Reception, Diagnostic & Correctional Center in Bonne Terre at 12:23 AM.

Capitol Blackout

A snake was responsible for a power outage on May 12th that affected the Capitol, Governor's Mansion and other downtown buildings. The black snake crawled into an underground area near the Amtrak Station that contains AmerenUE electrical cables and crossed over two cables, shorting them out. Many school groups and other Capitol visitors found themselves in darkened hallways and several people were temporarily stranded in elevators. Fortunately, those stuck in the elevators were freed within 20 minutes and no injuries were reported.

Salute to America 2009

This year's celebration will be held the evening of July 3rd and all day July 4th. The Capitol will be open during its normal business hours (7am – 5:30pm Friday, 8am – 5pm Saturday). For information regarding this year's activities go to: <http://www.salutetoamerica.org/>. For information on restrictions regarding public use of state facilities go to: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/1csr/1c35-1.pdf>.



Crime Prevention Spotlight: PREVENTING OFFICE CRIME

There are many common sense ways to reduce crime in the workplace. Here are a few suggestions:

- Keep your purse, wallet, keys, and other valuable items with you at all times or locked in a secure drawer or cabinet.
- Do not allow visitors to be alone in your office – be sure to provide an escort at all times. Check the identity of any strangers who are in your office – ask whom they are visiting and if you can help them find that person.
- Check the locks on doors and windows. Don't assume someone else has reported a problem – report broken or damaged locks immediately.
- Reception areas – If the receptionist's desk is equipped with a duress alarm, make sure it's tested regularly. If your reception area has no duress alarm, this may be something to discuss with upper-level management.
- Try to avoid working after-hours. If unavoidable, let someone know where you are and how late you'll be working. Never let strangers into the building or office.

For more tips on preventing office crime, go to: <http://www.ncpc.org/resources/files/pdf/workplace-safety/safewrk.pdf>.